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E.O.11562: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, BQG, AKB
SUBJECT: DEMARCHE AND PRESS STATEMENT ON HUEBNER CASE

REF: BONN 8043

SUMMARY. DEMARCHE ON HUEBNER WAS DELIVERED TO SOVIET EMBASSY MAY 2, AND PRESS STATEMENT RELEASED TO WIRE SERVICES SAME DAY. NO OTHER SUBJECTS WERE ADDRESSED, AS IT WAS A SOVIET HOLDIDAY AND KHOTULEV WAS MOST RELUCTANT TO MEET US. END SUMMARY.

1. SINCE MAY 2 IS SOVIET HOLIDAY, SOVIET MINISTER KHOTULEV WAS MOST RESISTANT TO CONDUCTING BUSINESS, BUT POLITELY ACCEDED WHEN US (CHAIRMAN) POLAD TOLD HIM WE HAD RECEIVED "INSTRUCTIONS" TO SEE HIM ON THAT DAY. AT SOVIET EMBASSY POLAD READ HIM ORAL STATMENT OF DEMARCHE (BONN 7941) AND LEFT TEXT AS NON-PAPER. KHOTULEV SAID HE WOULD BRING MATTER TO ABRASIMOV'S ATTENTION AND COMMENTED: BEGIN QUOTE. EXACTLY AS HERE, OUR
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POSITION IS ALSO WELL KNOWN TO YOU, I.E., THAT THE AUTHORITIES OF THE GDR CAN DEAL AS THEY WISH IN THEIR OWN CAPTIAL. IT IS UNNECESSARY TO EXPLAIN OUR POSITION IN FURTHER DETAIL. END QUOTE.

2. TO ACCOMMODATE KHOTULEV'S ABUNDANTLY CLEAR WISH THAT THE MEETING BE SHORT, POLAD DID NOT RPT NOT GIVE ANSWER ON FRG

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ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN.

3. PRESS STATEMENT WAS RELEASED TO WIRE SERVICES ONE HOUR AFTER POLAD VISIT TO EAST BERLIN. WE NOTE IN BONN'S 8043 THAT FRENCH AND BRITISH DID NOT WANT TO GO BEYOND STATEMENT. OUR SPOKESMAN, HOWEVER, IF ASKED, IS PREPARED TO SAY THAT WE DO NOT DISCUSS DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES OR THE LACK OF EXCHANGES WITH THE SOVIETS. OFF THE RECORD HE WILL THEN DRAW ATTENTION TO SENTENCE FOUR OF THE RELEASE, I.E., "THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ARE IN NO DOUBT THAT THE ALLIED POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED."

4. COMMENT. WE THINK THE GERMAN INSISTENCE THAT ABOVE ALL ELSE THIS TRIVIAL MESSAGE HAD TO BE DELIVERED ON A SOVIET HOLDIAY AMOUNTED TO A CONFUSION OF PRIORITIES. NOW A LATER OCCASION WILL HAVE TO BE SOUGHT TO DELIVER THE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT DEFENSE OF FRG ACTIVITIES. WE EVEN DOUBT IF THE AIM OF GETTING THE HUEBNER SUBJECT OUT OF THE PAPERS BY MAY 4 WILL BE ACHIEVED. NORMALLY WIRE SERVICE STORIES COME ONE DAY, AND RELATED EDITORIAL COMMENTS THE DAY AFTER. GEORGE

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